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If I understand correctly, the wrong that MS has been found to have committed (by the Circuit Court) is that MS abused its monopoly position by giving away its browser, to the harm of Netscape. This "remedy" will require MS to give away its operating system, and possibly other software to various schools, to the harm of Apple. It makes little sense to require MS to carry out precisely the kind of behaviour which has been found to be an abuse of its monopoly.

If the schools were allowed to take value equivalent to the software that MS offers in cash, at the choice of the schools, I might be persuaded to support the settlement.

With all respect:  
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Those who have put out the eyes of the people  
reproach them for their blindness. -- Milton